

**82. PROCLAMATION REQUEST**  
**PUBLIC – RAIL SAFETY WEEK**  
(Addendum 4)

MOVED by Councillor Iafrate  
seconded by Councillor DeFrancesca

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 8, 2014, be approved:

CARRIED

**Recommendation**

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**Contribution to Sustainability**

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**Economic Impact**

N/A

**Communications Plan**

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**Report prepared by**

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk

*Look Listen Live!*  
*Regardez Écoutez Restez en Vie!*

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April 7, 2014

Office of the Clerk  
City of Vaughan

Dear Sir / Madam:

I am writing to you today in my capacity as President of Operation Lifesaver.

Canada's *Public – Rail Safety Week* will be held from April 28 to May 4, 2014. The purpose of this national week is to raise rail safety awareness among all Canadians and to highlight the ongoing commitment of the rail industry, its member companies and their employees, to make the rail network even safer.

Once again this year, Operation Lifesaver is proud to support the various activities and events that will be taking place throughout *Public – Rail Safety Week* across the country to raise public awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens.

Your City Council can be a powerful ally for our public awareness campaign by adopting the enclosed draft resolution to support *Public– Rail Safety Week* in your community. Should you require additional information about Operation Lifesaver and rail safety, please consult [www.operationlifesaver.ca](http://www.operationlifesaver.ca).

Thank you in advance for supporting this request and *Public – Rail Safety Week*. We would greatly appreciate it if you would send us a copy of such a resolution.

**RECEIVED**

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**CLERK'S DEPT.**

A partnership initiative of the Railway Association of Canada and Transport Canada and works in cooperation with the rail industry, government, police, unions, and many public organizations and community groups.

Une initiative de partenariat de l'Association des chemins de fer du Canada et Transports Canada qui travaille en collaboration avec l'industrie ferroviaire, les gouvernements, les corps de police, les syndicats et les groupes sociaux.

Stephen Covey  
President  
Operation Lifesaver

Encl.

# 10 tips to save your life

- Never walk or play on train tracks. It's dangerous and illegal
- Be prepared to stop at crossings
- Cross train tracks at designated highway/railroad crossings
- Look for the crossbuck sign, lights or gates at crossings
- Listen for warning bells and whistles
- Obey the signals
- Wait for the train to pass through the crossing, then wait again, to be sure that a second train is not approaching on another track in the same or opposite direction
- Obey the directions of a police officer or member of a train crew directing traffic at a crossing
- Cross the tracks in low gear; do not change gears while crossing
- Stalled vehicle? Get out quickly and away from the vehicle and tracks

For more than 20 years, CN employees at all levels of the company, as well as retirees, have been promoting rail safety at highway/railroad crossings and discouraging trespassing on or near railroad property. Help us put an end to accidents. Learn the safety rules.

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for **safety**



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Rail Safety Week – April 28 - May 4, 2014



A shared  
responsibility



## At CN, we're proud to be part of Operation Lifesaver's continuing efforts to help save lives and prevent injuries.

The objective of CN's community-education program, *All Aboard for Safety*, is to help prevent fatalities and injuries on or near railroad property.

Every year, CN Police officers conduct safety blitzes at busy highway/railroad crossings, to help make drivers aware of the importance of safety. During these presentations and many other community forums, CN Police officers and employees

talk about the importance of safety at grade crossings, and about the dangers of trespassing on railroad tracks and property.

Throughout the year, CN Police officers ask the public to help save lives by calling CN Police at **1-800-465-9239** whenever they witness any unsafe behaviour on railroad property.



Make it fun for your kids  
to learn the safety rules.  
Visit Obie and Max at  
[cn.ca/obie](http://cn.ca/obie)

## Operation Lifesaver

Established in Canada in 1981, Operation Lifesaver is a national public-rail safety program supported by Transport Canada and the Railway Association of Canada. OL works with provincial safety councils,

police, railroads, the trucking industry and community groups to educate Canadians about the hazards surrounding highway/railroad crossings and trespassing on railroad property.

### Operation Lifesaver makes over 2,000 presentations every year

Operation Lifesaver saves lives by educating Canadians. Operation Lifesaver's mission is to prevent collisions between trains and motor vehicles. They also work to prevent trespassing incidents that lead to serious injury or death. Presentations take place from coast to coast.

### Reporting hazards

Report hazardous conditions at highway-railroad crossings or on railroad rights-of-way.

Railroad emergency numbers are generally posted prominently at crossings, on either crossing posts, behind a crossing sign or on a signal box.

If this number cannot be located immediately, call 911 or the local emergency number.

## *Walking or playing on train tracks is dangerous and illegal!*





# Dix conseils pour avoir la vie sauve

- Évitez de marcher ou de jouer sur une voie ferrée – cela est dangereux et illégal.
- Soyez toujours prêt à vous arrêter aux passages à niveau.
- Traversez les voies ferrées aux passages à niveau désignés.
- Aux passages à niveau, prêtez attention aux croix de Saint-André, aux feux et aux barrières.
- Prêtez l'oreille aux sonneries et aux sifflets de train.
- Respectez la signalisation.
- Si un train passe, assurez-vous qu'il n'y a pas un second train qui arrive sur une autre voie, dans la même direction ou dans la direction opposée.
- Si un policier ou un membre de l'équipe de train dirige la circulation à un passage à niveau, obéissez aux signaux donnés.
- Traversez les voies lentement; ne changez pas de vitesse en traversant.
- Si le moteur cale au moment où le véhicule est sur la voie, éloignez-vous rapidement du véhicule et de la voie.

Depuis plus de 20 ans, des employés du CN à tous les échelons, ainsi que des retraités, font la promotion de la sécurité aux passages à niveau et mettent les gens en garde contre les dangers que présentent les intrusions sur les propriétés ferroviaires ou à proximité. Aidez-nous à faire cesser les accidents. Apprenez les règles de sécurité.

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Rail Safety Week – April 28 – May 4, 2014



Une  
responsabilité  
partagée

la sécurité,  
on embarque!



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## Au CN, nous sommes fiers de participer aux efforts soutenus que déploie Opération Gareautrain pour sauver des vies et prévenir les blessures.

L'objectif du programme de sensibilisation communautaire du CN, *La sécurité, on embarque!*, est de contribuer à prévenir les blessures et les décès sur la propriété du chemin de fer ou à ses abords.

Chaque année, les agents de la Police du CN organisent des campagnes de sécurité aux passages à niveau achalandés, afin de sensibiliser les conducteurs à l'importance de la sécurité.

A cette occasion et lors de nombreux autres forums communautaires, le personnel et les agents de la Police du CN discutent de l'importance de la sécurité aux passages à niveau et des dangers que présentent les intrusions sur les voies et les propriétés ferroviaires.

Pendant toute l'année, la Police du CN invite les gens à agir pour aider à sauver des vies en l'appelant au **1 800 465-9239** chaque fois qu'ils sont témoins d'un comportement dangereux sur une propriété ferroviaire.



Invitez vos enfants à apprendre les règles de sécurité tout en s'amusant. Rendez visite à Obie et à Max à l'adresse [cn.ca/obie](http://cn.ca/obie)

## Operation Gareautrain

Opération Gareautrain a vu le jour au Canada en 1981 à titre de programme national en sécurité publique ferroviaire soutenu par Transports Canada et l'Association des chemins de fer du Canada. Opération Gareautrain associe ses efforts à ceux des conseils de sécurité provinciaux,

des services de police, des chemins de fer, du secteur du camionnage et des groupes communautaires afin de sensibiliser les Canadiens aux dangers que présentent les passages à niveau et les intrusions sur les propriétés ferroviaires.

### Opération Gareautrain donne plus de 2 000 présentations chaque année.

Opération Gareautrain sauve des vies en informant les Canadiens. Sa mission est de prévenir les collisions entre les trains et les véhicules à moteur, et aussi de prévenir les décès et les blessures graves liés aux intrusions. Les présentations sont données d'un bout à l'autre du pays.

### Signallement des dangers

Signalez les situations dangereuses aux passages à niveau ou sur les emprises des chemins de fer.

Les numéros des chemins de fer sont habituellement affichés bien en vue aux passages à niveau, que ce soit sur les poteaux, derrière un panneau indicateur ou sur un coffret de signalisation.

Si vous ne trouvez pas ce numéro immédiatement, composez le 911 ou le numéro d'urgence local.

## Marcher ou jouer sur une voie ferrée est dangereux et illégal!



(Draft Resolution)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC – RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Whereas *Public – Rail Safety Week* is to be held across Canada from April 28 to May 4, 2014;

Whereas it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the rail industry, governments, police services, the media and other agencies and the public to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing effort to save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

It is proposed by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

It is hereby RESOLVED to support national *Public – Rail Safety Week*, to be held from April 28 to May 4, 2014.